

Remarks

In the Office Action dated December 28, 2004, claims 15 and 16 were rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 15-16 of U.S. Patent No. 6,652,101. Claims 15, 16, and 20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Michaels '681 in view of Horn '075 and Horn '059.

The Examiner is thanked for the thorough examination of the pending claims. By this Amendment, Applicant cancels claims 15-20 without prejudice and adds new claims 21-32. Accordingly, after entry of the Amendment, claims 21-32 are pending in the application. No issues of new matter should arise and entry of the amendment is respectfully requested.

Claims 17-32 are believed to be patentable over the prior art of record. In furtherance of this application, the Applicant respectfully requests an opportunity to participate in an interview with the Examiner.

Respectfully submitted,



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